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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 1, between "DIAGNOSIS OF PLASMODIUM INFECTION BY ANALYSIS OF EXTRACHROMOSOMAL GENETIC MATERIAL" AND "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following: